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INTERNET TELEPHONY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some private companies/individuals have started using internet telephony;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given its approval; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a)&(c): Use of Internet telephony is not permitted. As per New telecom Policy (NTP)`99, Internet telephony shall not be permitted at this stage. However, Government will continue to monitor the technological innovations and their impact on national development and review this issue at an appropriate time.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) & (c) above.